

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Red Cloud North & Cowles Spur

STP-281-1(118); C.N. 42815

Identified as **Red Cloud North & Cowles Spur**, the proposed project would improve approximately 6.04 miles of U.S. Highway 281 (US-281) and 3.60 miles of Nebraska Spur 91B (S-91B) located in Webster County.

The proposed work on US-281 would begin about 0.14 miles north of the intersection of US-281 and U.S. Highway 136 (US-136), at mile marker (MM) 6.17, and extend north to MM 12.21. The proposed work on S-91B extends approximately 3.60 miles east from the intersection of US-281 and S-91B. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 500 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

Proposed improvements would consist of milling and resurfacing the roadway and shoulders, concrete repairs, curb repairs, culvert work, guardrail work, removing and replacing pavement for drainage structures on S-91B, and trenched widening on S-91B. The US-281 bridge over Crooked Creek (Structure Number S281 0677) would be replaced with a new bridge prior to an asphalt overlay. Three structures on S-91B, located at MM 1.32 (over unnamed stream), MM 1.94 (over Dry Creek), and MM 2.82 (over unnamed stream), would be replaced, with new pavement placed over each structure.

The purpose of the proposed project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for the proposed project is based on the current condition of the existing roadway and bridges.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

Work would be required in the waterway for all structures. Wetland and/or other water resource impacts are expected; however, no mitigation is anticipated. Red Cloud High School, Red Cloud Baseball Fields, Red Cloud City Park, and Harry Obitz Park and Wildlife Habitat are in the project area; however, no impacts to these properties are anticipated. The public library located on the southwest corner of 6th Avenue and US-281 is listed as a historic property; no impacts are anticipated.

Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in spring 2023, with anticipated completion by winter 2023.

The US-281 portion of the project would be constructed under traffic and controlled with appropriate traffic control devices and practices. The proposed project would require closure of S-91B for the duration of construction. A designated detour would be provided and would utilize County Road "L" and County Road 1600.

NDOT has worked to develop this project to minimize inconvenience and hardships. We are dedicated to improving Nebraska's highway system and with your help we can achieve this goal.

Any questions or comments regarding this project should be submitted to: Sarah Fisher, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.fisher@nebraska.gov; voice telephone 402-479-3832, TDD telephone 402-479-3834, fax 402-479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at dot.nebraska.gov/projects/future-projects/ by clicking on the "Red Cloud North & Cowles Spur" link. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Hwy. 2, Lincoln, NE. For further information, contact Wes Wahlgren, NDOT District 4 Engineer, 308-385-6265, wes.wahlgren@nebraska.gov.